

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to Alzheimer's disease; amending s.  
3       430.501, F.S.; requiring state agencies to provide  
4       assistance to the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory  
5       Committee, upon request; creating s. 430.5015, F.S.;  
6       creating the position of Dementia Director within the  
7       Department of Elderly Affairs; requiring the Secretary  
8       of Elderly Affairs to appoint the director;  
9       authorizing the director to call upon certain agencies  
10      for assistance; requiring the agencies to assist the  
11      director under certain circumstances; providing duties  
12      and responsibilities of the director; amending s.  
13      430.502, F.S.; making a technical change; providing an  
14      effective date.

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16   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18       Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
19       430.501, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20       430.501 Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee; research  
21       grants.—

22       (3)

23       (b)1. The Governor shall appoint members from a broad  
24       cross-section of public, private, and volunteer sectors. All  
25       nominations shall be forwarded to the Governor by the Secretary

26 of Elderly Affairs in accordance with this subsection.

27       2. Members shall be appointed to 4-year staggered terms in  
28 accordance with s. 20.052, except for the sitting members of the  
29 Senate and House of Representatives, who shall be appointed to a  
30 term corresponding to their term of office.

31       3. The Secretary of Elderly Affairs shall serve as an ex  
32 officio member of the committee.

33       4. The committee shall elect one of its members to serve  
34 as chair for a term of 1 year.

35       5. The committee may establish subcommittees as necessary  
36 to carry out the functions of the committee.

37       6. The committee shall meet quarterly, or as frequently as  
38 needed.

39       7. The committee shall submit an annual report to the  
40 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House  
41 of Representatives, and the Secretary of Elderly Affairs on or  
42 before September 1 of each year. The annual report shall include  
43 information and recommendations on Alzheimer's disease policy;  
44 all state-funded efforts in Alzheimer's disease research,  
45 clinical care, institutional, home-based and community-based  
46 programs and the outcomes of such efforts; and any proposed  
47 updates to the Alzheimer's disease state plan submitted under  
48 subparagraph 8.

49       8. Beginning in 2020, and every third year thereafter, on  
50 or before November 1, the Department of Elderly Affairs shall

51 review the Alzheimer's disease state plan and submit an updated  
52 state plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
53 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Department of  
54 Elderly Affairs shall utilize the annual reports submitted by  
55 the committee and collaborate with state Alzheimer's disease  
56 organizations and professionals when considering such updates to  
57 the Alzheimer's disease state plan. The state plan shall:

58       a. Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's  
59 disease and related forms of dementia on the state.

60       b. Examine the existing industries, services, and  
61 resources addressing the needs of persons having Alzheimer's  
62 disease or a related form of dementia and their family  
63 caregivers.

64       c. Examine the needs of persons of all cultural  
65 backgrounds having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of  
66 dementia and how their lives are affected by the disease from  
67 younger-onset, through mid-stage, to late-stage.

68       d. Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to this  
69 public health crisis.

70       e. Provide information regarding:

71           (I) State trends with respect to persons having  
72 Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and their  
73 needs, including, but not limited to:

74               (A) The role of the state in providing community-based  
75 care, long-term care, and family caregiver support, including

76 respite, education, and assistance to persons who are in the  
77 early stages of Alzheimer's disease, who have younger-onset  
78 Alzheimer's disease, or who have a related form of dementia.

79 (B) The development of state policy with respect to  
80 persons having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of  
81 dementia.

82 (C) Surveillance of persons having Alzheimer's disease or  
83 a related form of dementia for the purpose of accurately  
84 estimating the number of such persons in the state at present  
85 and projected population levels.

86 (II) Existing services, resources, and capacity,  
87 including, but not limited to:

88 (A) The type, cost, and availability of dementia-specific  
89 services throughout the state.

90 (B) Policy requirements and effectiveness for dementia-  
91 specific training for professionals providing care.

92 (C) Quality care measures employed by providers of care,  
93 including providers of respite, adult day care, assisted living  
94 facility, skilled nursing facility, and hospice services.

95 (D) The capability of public safety workers and law  
96 enforcement officers to respond to persons having Alzheimer's  
97 disease or a related form of dementia, including, but not  
98 limited to, responding to their disappearance, search and  
99 rescue, abuse, elopement, exploitation, or suicide.

100 (E) The availability of home and community-based services

101 and respite care for persons having Alzheimer's disease or a  
102 related form of dementia and education and support services to  
103 assist their families and caregivers.

104 (F) An inventory of long-term care facilities and  
105 community-based services serving persons having Alzheimer's  
106 disease or a related form of dementia.

107 (G) The adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-  
108 psychiatric units for persons having behavior disorders  
109 associated with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of  
110 dementia.

111 (H) Residential assisted living options for persons having  
112 Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia.

113 (I) The level of preparedness of service providers before,  
114 during, and after a catastrophic emergency involving a person  
115 having Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and  
116 their caregivers and families.

117 (III) Needed state policies or responses, including, but  
118 not limited to, directions for the provision of clear and  
119 coordinated care, services, and support to persons having  
120 Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia and their  
121 caregivers and families and strategies to address any identified  
122 gaps in the provision of services.

123 9. All state agencies shall provide assistance to the  
124 committee, upon request.  
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126        10. The Department of Elderly Affairs shall provide staff  
127 support to assist the committee in the performance of its  
128 duties.

129        ~~11.10.~~ Members of the committee and subcommittees shall  
130 receive no salary, but are entitled to reimbursement for travel  
131 and per diem expenses, as provided in s. 112.061, while  
132 performing their duties under this section.

133        Section 2. Section 430.5015, Florida Statutes, is created  
134 to read:

135        430.5015 Dementia Director.—

136        (1) The position of Dementia Director is created within  
137 the Department of Elderly Affairs. The Secretary of Elderly  
138 Affairs shall appoint the director and the director shall serve  
139 at the pleasure of the secretary.

140        (2) The director may call upon appropriate agencies of  
141 state government for assistance as is needed pursuant to s.  
142 430.04(13).

143        (3) The director shall:

144        (a) Facilitate coordination and support of policies and  
145 programs in the Legislature and the executive branch, including  
146 agencies of the executive branch, which relate to Alzheimer's  
147 disease and related forms of dementia.

148        (b) Facilitate coordination and support for the  
149 Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee and the implementation of  
150 and updates to the Alzheimer's disease state plan pursuant to s.

151 430.501(3)(b)8.

152 (c) Provide support to memory disorder clinics to help the  
153 clinics meet or exceed the minimum performance standards under  
154 s. 430.502(3).

155 (d) Facilitate and support coordination of outreach  
156 programs and services between agencies, memory disorder clinics,  
157 area agencies on aging, and other interested groups for the  
158 purpose of fostering public awareness and education regarding  
159 Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.

160 (e) Facilitate coordination of services and activities  
161 between groups interested in dementia research, programs, and  
162 services, including, but not limited to, area agencies on aging,  
163 service providers, advocacy groups, legal services, emergency  
164 personnel, law enforcement, and state colleges and universities.

165 (f) Collect and monitor data related to the impact of  
166 Alzheimer's disease in the state.

167 Section 3. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section  
168 430.502, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

169 430.502 Alzheimer's disease; memory disorder clinics and  
170 day care and respite care programs.—

171 (1) There is established:

172 (n) A memory disorder clinic at Advent Health Florida  
173 ~~Hospital~~ in Orange County; and

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175 for the purpose of conducting research and training in a

176 | diagnostic and therapeutic setting for persons suffering from  
177 | Alzheimer's disease and related memory disorders. However,  
178 | memory disorder clinics shall not receive decreased funding due  
179 | solely to subsequent additions of memory disorder clinics in  
180 | this subsection.

181 |       Section 4.   This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.